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SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION: POSSIBLE TRAVEL OF
MANUEL CONTRERAS TO PERU

1. THE ARMY ATTACHE US EMBASSY LIMA HAS SUBMITTED A REPORT
(IR 6-876-0198-78 DTG R-062141Z JUL 78) IN WHICH HE REPORTS
THAT EX-DINA HEAD, MANUEL CONTRERAS, MAY BE TRAVELLING TO LIMA
IN AUGUST AND MAY SEEK TO MAKE CONTACT WITH US MILITARY OFFICIALS
STATIONED THERE. THE CURRENT CHILEAN NAVAL ATTACHE IN LIMA,
CAPTAIN JORGE CONTRERAS, IS A BROTHER OF MANUEL. THE US ARMY
ATTACHE, LTC LLOYD F. GRACEY, APPARENTLY HAS KNOWN MANUEL CONTRERAS
PREVIOUSLY. JORGE CONTRERAS INFORMED GRACEY JULY 4 THAT
MANUEL AND HIS WIFE WOULD BE VISITING LIMA IN AUGUST. HE
DID NOT GIVE ANY REASON FOR THE VISIT.

2. PLEASE BRING THIS INFORMATION TO THE ATTENTION OF ASSISTANT
US ATTORNEY PROPPER. HE OR THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ADVISE
US MILITARY OFFICERS IN LIMA REGARDING HOW TO HANDLE ANY POSSIBLE
OVERTURES FROM MANUEL CONTRERAS.

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